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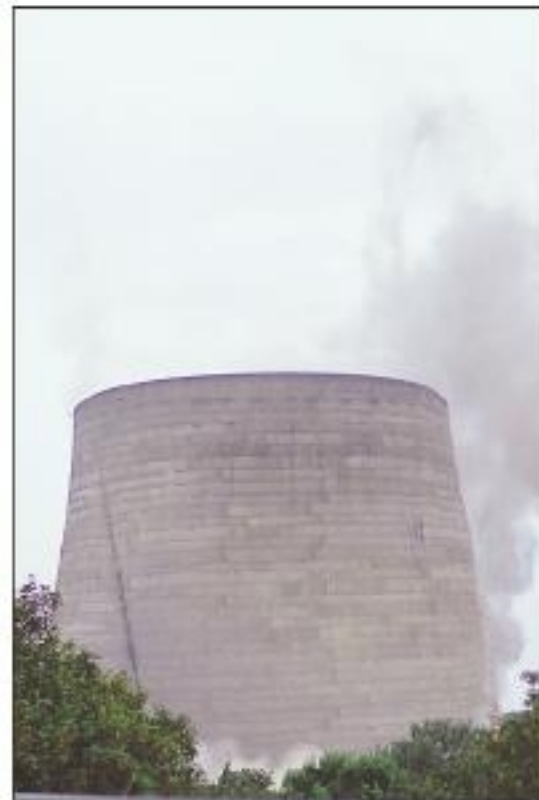
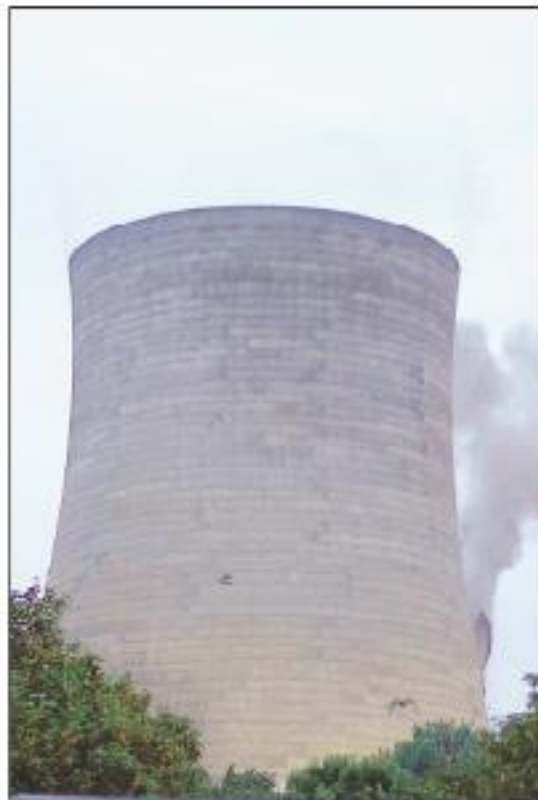


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# GOING, GOING, GONE



OXFORDSHIRE'S skyline will never be the same after Didcot A's southern cooling towers were demolished in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The three towers were blown down

at 5am as morning broke.

All that was left was a gap where the iconic structures once stood.

Thousands gathered in Didcot and at high points across the county to watch

the demolition, which saw the towers vanish from their 46-year home in just 12 seconds.

The spectacle was trending as the second most popular topic in the UK

on Twitter as many turned to social media to discuss the demolition.

Vicky Gashe tweeted: "Bit sad that an iconic feature of the landscape of my childhood has gone."

Olivia Kennedy added: "Stayed up all night to witness the sad moment they blew up half of Didcot Power Station."

See page 5 for the full story.

# JAIL FOR LIFE

JAYDEN Parkinson's controlling and jealous ex-boyfriend Ben Blakeley has been sentenced to life behind bars after being found guilty of her murder.

Blakeley, 22, of Christchurch Road, Reading, strangled the pregnant 17-year-old, from Didcot, in a field near Upton on December 3 and will serve a minimum of 20 years in jail.

He buried her in the field on Decem-

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ber 5 before digging up her body and putting her in an established grave in a cemetery by All Saints' Church, Didcot, four days later.

Jayden's family spoke outside St Aldates police station after the conviction and said they "would never be

able to find an ounce of forgiveness" for Blakeley.

The jury found Blakeley guilty of murder last Thursday at Oxford Crown Court and he was sentenced a day later.

Judge Patrick Eccles said the way Jayden's body was buried was "heartless and distressing" and described Blakeley as a "violent abuser".

He said: "Like so many other vic-

tims of domestic violence Jayden was infatuated with you, her violent abuser, and found it difficult to separate emotionally from you.

"You deliberately and selfishly encouraged her emotional dependence on you by manipulating her feelings through fear and neediness."

Turn to page 2 for reaction on Blakeley's sentencing from Jayden's family and Thames Valley Police.



• MURDERER: Ben Blakeley

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# Graveyard burial case was a UK first

THE murder of Didcot teenager Jayden Parkinson was the first case of its kind, police have said.

The 17-year-old's body was found in an existing grave in a cemetery by All Saints' Church - something officers who investigated the case say has never happened before in the UK.

Ben Blakeley, 22, of Christchurch Road, Reading, was jailed for life at Oxford Crown Court last Friday, with a minimum of 20 years, for her murder in December.

Detective superintendent

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Chris Ward said: "There were two predominantly unique features.

"The first one is that we charged somebody with murder before we found Jayden's body which is always going to make a situation more complicated.

"That situation was also made more complicated by the fact that Ben Blakeley lied and deceived the police and frustrated our investigation.

"And the second unique feature is that he buried her in a pre-existing grave and we're satisfied that that hasn't ever happened in the UK before."

Blakeley murdered his pregnant ex-girlfriend in a field near Upton on December 3 by strangulation.

He buried Jayden in the field on December 5 before digging her up and moving her to his uncle Alan Kennedy's grave four days later.

In sentencing Blakeley, judge Patrick Eccles said Jayden was

strangled to death "in a jealous rage".

Judge Eccles said he believed Jayden was pregnant and Blakeley "dominated and controlled her every day life".

As Blakeley was taken down to the cells, someone from the public gallery shouted: "See you in hell".

Blakeley showed no emotion as he was sentenced and was also given eight years to be served concurrently, for perverting the course of justice.

Judge Eccles described Blakeley's decision to dig up Jayden's body as "shocking".

He added: "Though in your twisted mind you may possibly have thought a graveyard was a better place for Jayden to be buried than a ditch in a field, there was no hint of respect or remorse in this hasty interment.

"I am convinced your primary purpose was to prevent anyone else from ever knowing what had happened to Jayden Parkinson."

Jayden's father Paul died of a heart attack a week before the



VICTIM: Jayden Parkinson

trial started. Judge Eccles said "he must have been haunted by the thought" of what happened to his daughter.

A victim impact statement from Jayden's mother Samantha Shrewsbury said: "When I visit Jayden's grave it breaks my heart to not be able to hold Jayden safe in my arms, take her home with me and tell her how so very much I love her."

The jury was discharged in the case of Blakeley's 17-year-old brother Jake who pleaded guilty to perverting the cause of justice but not guilty to preventing a lawful burial.

The Crown Prosecution Service has until tomorrow to decide if there will be a re-trial.



MURDERER: Ben Blakeley

## Family 'will never get to see Jayden grow up'

JAYDEN Parkinson's family said their "nightmare would never end" after Ben Blakeley was jailed for life for murdering the teenager last December.

Blakeley was sentenced at

Oxford Crown Court last Friday.

Jayden's family released a statement outside St Aldates police station shortly after.

Her mum Samantha Shrews-

bury broke down as she spoke about her daughter's death.

Jayden's grandfather Eric supported her by reading the rest of the statement.

They said: "Despite the sen-

tencing of Ben Blakeley our nightmare will never end.

"We can never erase from our minds the pain that was inflicted on Jayden, nor can we erase the image of Jayden's battered and bruised body.

"We will never be able to celebrate birthdays, Easter or Christmas with Jayden and we will never get to see Jayden grow up, get married and have children.

"This is our life sentence, it is now time for Ben Blakeley to start his."

They added they would

## News Bites

### Healthwatch

OXON: Rachel Coney has been named as the new chief executive of the county's health and social care watchdog.

Ms Coney, who previously spent nine years working within the NHS, began her new role with Healthwatch Oxfordshire on July 21.

She said: "My priority will be to strengthen our position in Oxfordshire so that we can have the maximum impact on the development and delivery of health and social care services on behalf of those who use them."

### Traffic jams

OXON: Roundabout works between Hinksey and Heyford Hill interchanges have caused major tailbacks in and around the city.

A 24-hour contraflow system was put in place between the two interchanges on Monday and is expected to last until November.

The work has caused major delays on the A34 southbound carriageway with drivers queueing as far as the Milton Interchange.

### WWI: lights out

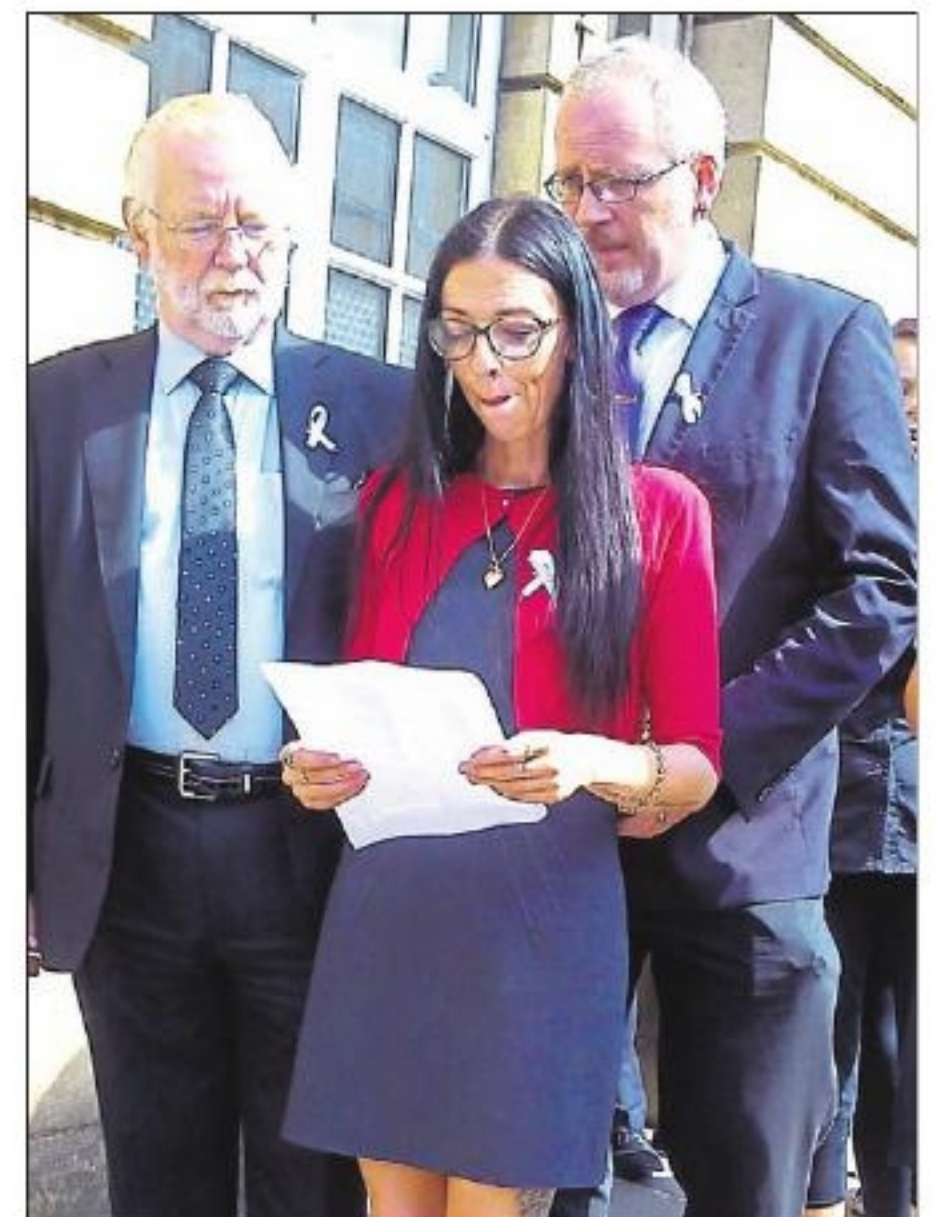
CHERWELL: Residents and businesses in the district will be switching off their lights for an hour from 10pm on Monday, August 4, to mark 100 years since Britain entered the First World War.

A solitary candle or lamp at Cherwell District Council's Bodicote House offices will be left alight during the hour to support the national 'Lights Out' event.

The initiative was organised by the Department for Media, Culture and Sport.

"never be able to find an ounce of forgiveness for the evil that murdered Jayden and then concealed her body in such a cold, calculated and cunning manner."

• Jayden's mother Samantha Shrewsbury (centre) reading the statement on Friday



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# Principal named for proposed town college

A PLANNED University Technical College (UTC), to sit at the heart of Didcot's newest housing estate, has named its first principal.

Education group Activate Learning plans to build a UTC on the 3,300-home Great Western Park estate and has named Owain Johns as the principal designate.

The science and engineering school would initially offer 140 places for Year 10 and 12 students, eventually expanding to 600 pupils aged 14 to 19.

Mr Johns will start his role in January 2015 if the plans are given the go ahead.

"I am excited about leading what will be a world class educational experience," he said.

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"It is a first for Oxfordshire and the challenge will be to ensure that young people are equipped with the key life skills for success in the world of work, in particular science and engineering."

The news comes as Vale of White Horse District Councillors were expected to recommend a full planning application for the college at a meeting last night.

Activate Learning's UTC would be within the already approved community hub on the estate at the junction of the Great Western Park Main Street and Wantage Road.

A secondary school also planned for the estate would share facilities such as sports pitches with the UTC.

Didcot Town Council oppose the plans because of insufficient sewerage infrastructure and the absence of a timeline for a cycle way from Wantage Road to Foxhall Road.

However, town council leader Eleanor Hards said a temporary or permanent solution for the sewage problem provided by the UTC, utility company Thames Water or developers Taylor Wimpey could solve the problem.

She said: "It is likely to be a temporary fix, we accept that, temporary being a number of years, but it is just not acceptable that other residents end up with

sewage on their doorstep.

"It would allow the town council to withdraw its objection providing we are happy that there is something in place to stop sewage being displaced near to residential areas."

Within the district council's recommendation notes it is advised that the college should not be occupied until "acceptable means of foul and surface water drainage has been implemented".

Thames Water spokesperson Becky Trotman said: "We've asked that a planning condition is applied to the UTC application to ensure the sewer network is upgraded before the development is occupied."

"We cannot allow residents in

other areas to be put at risk of sewer flooding so it's important that the sewers are of a standard that can deal with the increase in waste water which will come from new development."

Meanwhile, Taylor Wimpey say the UTC will build its own sewerage system if Thames Water has not provided a solution.

Spokesperson Chris Fidler said: "We understand that if a permanent solution to the issues of sewerage has not been delivered by Thames Water by the time the facility opens, the UTC will build an on-site sewerage treatment plant."

Go to [oxfordshireguardian.co.uk](http://oxfordshireguardian.co.uk) or pick up next Thursday's paper to find out if the planning application was approved.



• How the University Technical College could look if plans are approved

## Mystery over thousands of dead fish in Didcot stream

TESTS carried out on a stream in Didcot have shown a cleaning chemical or detergent is responsible for the death of over 4,000 fish.

The Environment Agency has been investigating the incident at Moor Ditch, a tributary to

the River Thames which runs underneath the A4130, since Monday.

It said investigations were still being carried out while agency staff were seen speaking with companies on the nearby Southmead Industrial Estate.

The agency said the deaths are not linked to the demolition of the southern cooling towers on Sunday.

Spokesperson Elisa Orchard said: "Live fish are still present so early indications are that the pollution has flushed through."

"Water samples indicate that a cleaning chemical or detergent has entered the waterway."

"We are investigating possible sources of the pollution and carrying out an ecology survey to assess the impact on invertebrates in the ditch."

### News Bites

#### Commemorating the Great War

DIDCOT: A number of services to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Britain's entry into the First World War are being held across the town this weekend.

A multi-denominational service of reflection will take place at the Britwell Road war memorial at 3pm on Sunday.

There will also be a 'Lights Out' service, part of a national event, at 10pm on Monday.

All households are invited to turn off their lights between 10pm and 11pm, leaving only the war memorial lit with candles.

All Saints' Church on Lydalls Road will also be open between 9am and 5pm on Monday for people to remember fallen soldiers in the First World War.

#### Nominations are still open

DIDCOT: The town's business and community awards are still open for nominations.

Members of the public can nominate businesses, charities, community organisations and groups for the Didcot First-run awards.

For further information visit [didcotfirst.org.uk](http://didcotfirst.org.uk).

#### Group backed by supermarket

DIDCOT: Fundraising organisation Play2Give has been named as Sainsbury's charity of the year.

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- It cost £104million to build
- Building work started in 1964 and was completed in 1968, with commercial operations starting in 1970
- The last megawatt of power was produced in March 2013
- The site covers over 180 acres of land
- About 116 acres has been sold to Clowes Developments
- Didcot A's main chimney is 200m tall and is made up of 832,000 flu lining bricks
- The cooling towers are 113m tall and 93m wide
- 7,500 separate demolition charges were used to demolish the southern cooling towers
- In the last five years before its closure, Didcot A produced enough electricity to make almost one trillion cups of tea
- Didcot A could generate enough power to meet the needs of two million households

# Towers topple in style from skyline

By Jack Johnson

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DIDCOT Power Station's southern cooling towers stood for 46 years, but it took just 12 seconds for them to vanish from Oxfordshire's skyline on Sunday morning.

The three towers were blown down at 5am.

All that remains is the base of one of the structures.

RWE npower executives and members of the press watched the demolition from Didcot B Power Station.

And thousands gathered at high points across Oxfordshire to watch the towers being blown down.

Phil Noake, former Didcot A station manager, was among those watching and described the site of the towers coming down as "awful".

The cooling towers, which were built in 1968, were demolished with 180kg of explosives.

Npower bosses said the demolition process went safely and contractors Coleman & Company will remove the part of the

structure that remains.

Kevin Nix, head of RWE Generation UK, said: "There is still a little bit of structure left, but the contractors say that is no great issue - they can just clear that with machinery."

He added: "I worked at the power station a couple of times in my career and it was a great place to work so it was very sad to see it starting to disappear."

"There is a lot of demolition still to do and it will still be around for a year or two but it is a sad day to see it go."

Alan Robinson, chief commercial officer at RWE Generation, added: "I did my training here back in the early 1980s and lived here for many years so personally I'm a little bit sad."

"But I've accepted for a long time that the era of coal stations is coming to an end."

Didcot A Power Station began



• Didcot Power Station's cooling towers toppling

commercial operation in 1970 and closed in March last year after 43 years of generation.

The demolition of the entire site will last for a further two years with the chimney the last structure to be blown down in 2016.

About 116 acres of land at the site has been sold to developers Clowes Developments.

The remaining 70 acres will be

retained for future power generation development.

Mr Robinson added: "We're talking to other parties and local authorities about the future of the site but I expect it will be sold off for commercial development in tune with the rest of this part of Oxfordshire."

The station had to shut after opting out of a European Union Large Combustion Plant Directive in 2008. It had to stop generating power after 20,000 hours.

## 'An upsetting spectacle' - says ex-boss

DIDCOT A Power Station's former manager described the sight of the southern cooling towers being blown up as "the end of an era" on Sunday morning.

Phil Noake, who worked at the power station for 20 years, watched from Didcot B Power Station as the three towers were demolished at 5am.

Mr Noake told the Oxfordshire Guardian: "It is the end of an era."

"Having spent 20 years of my life and 40-odd years in the industry, to see them come down brings a tear to my eye."

Mr Noake, now retired, added: "It was a big spectacle, but it was not something I looked forward to at all."

"The worst time was when we stopped generation, but to now see it torn apart and blown down is very upsetting."



• Phil Noake  
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## News Bites

### Green awards

OXFORD: Brookes University's three city campuses have received Green Flag Awards for a third year in a row.

Harcourt Hill, Headington and Wheatley campuses have all been given the accolade, which rewards efforts to reduce litter and encourage pride in green spaces.

Five Oxford City Council parks – Blackbird Leys, Cutteslowe and Sunneymead, Florence, Hinksey and Bury Knowle – also received Green Flag Awards.

### Car hits man

BLACKBIRD LEYS: A man was hit by a car after an argument with a woman near Evenlode Tower on Sunday.

At about 1am a man and woman had a fight near the tower block.

A short time later the man was hit by a silver car while he was on the pavement - and the woman got into the vehicle.

The man suffered heavy bruising to his leg and was treated at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Headley Way.

### Council meeting

OXFORD: The next Oxford City Council meeting has been scheduled for Monday, August 4 at 6pm.

The Planning Review Committee will meet in the Old Library at the Town Hall on St Aldates.

# Family 'can grieve' after killer jailed

By Jack Johnson

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THE family of two children who died in a house fire 17 years ago have said they can "now grieve properly" after a woman was convicted of their manslaughter last week.

Fiaz Munshi, 38, of Manley Road, Oldham, was sentenced to 13 years behind bars at Oxford Crown Court on Friday.

She was found guilty of the manslaughter of eight-year-old Anum Khan and her 15-year-old brother Majid.

She is the seventh person to be jailed for the arson attack after Alan Swanton, Thomas Liedl, Mohammed Nawaz, Haq Nawaz, and Haroon Sharif, were all convicted of murder and Riaz Munshi of manslaughter.

Fiaz Munshi was arrested in 1997 but released due to insufficient evidence.

She flew to Pakistan and could not be arrested when police discovered new evidence two days later.

Shenaz Akhtar, the sister of Anum and Majid, spoke outside of court on Friday, and said Munshi's sentencing signified "the happiest day" of the family's life.

"It has taken 17 years for Fiaz Munshi to be brought to justice

for the killings of Majid and Anum," she added.

"This is despite members of the Oxford community who have known the whereabouts of Fiaz Munshi ever since she fled the UK.

"Finally after 17 years we can now grieve properly and visit Majid and Anum's grave together for the first time as a family and first time with our parents.

"This is the happiest day of our lives and we carried on fighting for Majid and Anum who will always remain deep within our hearts."

The Khan family home on Magdalen Road, Oxford, was set alight with petrol on August 26, 1997, with seven people asleep inside.

Six managed to escape, but nine-year-old Anum died in the fire while Majid passed away at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Headley Way, after suffering severe burns.

In Autumn 2012, a member of the family contacted police and enquired about Munshi after



• Fiaz Munshi

her subsequent flight to Pakistan led to her avoiding arrest in 1997.

Police enquiries established Munshi had returned to the country from Pakistan in 2005 and the investigation was re-

opened.

Munshi was arrested and charged in October last year and was found guilty by a jury at Oxford Crown Court last Tuesday before being sentenced on Friday.

## £4m deal to secure research

OXFORD University Hospitals NHS Trust has won a new £4million contract to support a health research centre in Summertown.

Health organisation Cochrane Collaboration's UK centre in Middle Way will now continue its links with the trust until March 2020.

The NHS Trust, who has hosted the facility since 2010, won the new deal following a tendering exercise.

Oxford's UK Cochrane Centre (UKCC) was established in 1992 as part of the Cochrane Collaboration.

They joined to produce and spread information to improve healthcare locally, nationally and internationally.

Martin Burton, honorary consultant otolaryngologist at the trust and director of the UK centre, said: "We are delighted that the UKCC will continue its association with the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust.

"This decision provides continuity, enables us to strengthen our existing relationships and concentrate on what we do best."

Prof Dame Sally Davies, chief medical officer and scientific adviser at the Department of Health, added: "These new awards are important because of the role systematic reviews play in the health research landscape."

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## Jail for man with hidden stun gun

A BLACKTHORN man who was caught with a stun gun disguised as an iPhone has been sentenced to three years in prison.

Marcel Cross, of Chapel Close, pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm at Oxford Crown Court on July 21.

It relates to an incident on January 6, when police got reports Cross was in possession of the stun gun.

He was then arrested and charged on March 18.

Investigating officer PC Joe Stafford said: "There can only be one reason for disguising an item like this and that is to allow a person to carry it without detection."

"The seriousness of this was reflected in the sentence passed at court. It should act as a deterrent to others."



• (Left) Marcel Cross and (below) the stun gun



# Joining forces for the Memory Walk

By Dan Church

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TWO women from Chipping Norton are urging people to sign up to Oxford's first big Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk, after experiencing personal ordeals within their family.

Deborah Rose, 50, joined up with Oxford's roller derby team, Wheels of Gory, in Oxford's University Parks on Tuesday to help promote the event.

She is encouraging people to sign up along with her friend Tracey Davies, 41, from Chipping Norton.

The walk, which is due to take place on Sunday, September 14, sees participants take on a 2km or 10km route.

And it aims to raise vital funds to improve the lives of people living with dementia.

Deborah said: "I am walking for my wonderful Dad, Roy Watson, who was diagnosed with dementia five years ago."

"Dad was always joking and people always commented on his quick-witted, dry sense of humour."

"My best friend Tracey's mum has also been diagnosed with



• (From left) Tracey Davies, Adrian Williams, Debbie Rose and Amy Jones prepare for the Memory Walk (Picture by David Fleming)

dementia and we try to support one another.

"Our whole lives have been turned upside down but now we want to do something positive and take part in Memory Walk with our friends and family."

Members of the Wheels of Gory team are volunteering their services for the walk, including Amy Jones, 33, from Marston.

She said: "Several of our members have family directly affected by this terrible disease and it was something we all felt we wanted to support as much as we could."

"As a team we wanted to give our time to marshal the Memory Walk, to help the Alzheimer's Society run a great event by raising money and awareness for their charity."

The Wheels of Gory team selected the Alzheimer's Society as their charity of the year after members of the squad experienced the impact of the brain disease within their own families.

Adrian Williams, community fundraiser for Alzheimer's Society, added: "You can sign up your whole family and even bring the dog along if you like."

## News Bites

### Blaze at farm

NORTH WESTON: Fire services dealt with a farm blaze at North Weston on July 21 which affected 20 tonnes of manure, machinery, and hay.

Crews were called to Abbey Farm at around 5.20pm, and had to control the fire overnight until it was extinguished completely.

### Cards stolen

OXFORD: A man in his 70s has been defrauded of his bank cards after being contacted by a man claiming to be from the 'fraud squad' last Tuesday.

At around 7.30pm, the victim was instructed by the man to phone his bank, before his cards were collected by another man claiming to be a courier.

The cards were then used to withdraw a quantity of cash.

Anyone with information is asked to call 101.

### Shop success

OXON: British Heart Foundation shops in Oxfordshire have raised £457,000 over the past year, the charity has announced.

The money has been used to fund 124 defibrillators, nine healthcare professionals and two heart support groups in the area.

Margaret Richardson, BHF area manager, said: "We're truly overwhelmed with the ongoing generosity of the local community in Oxfordshire."

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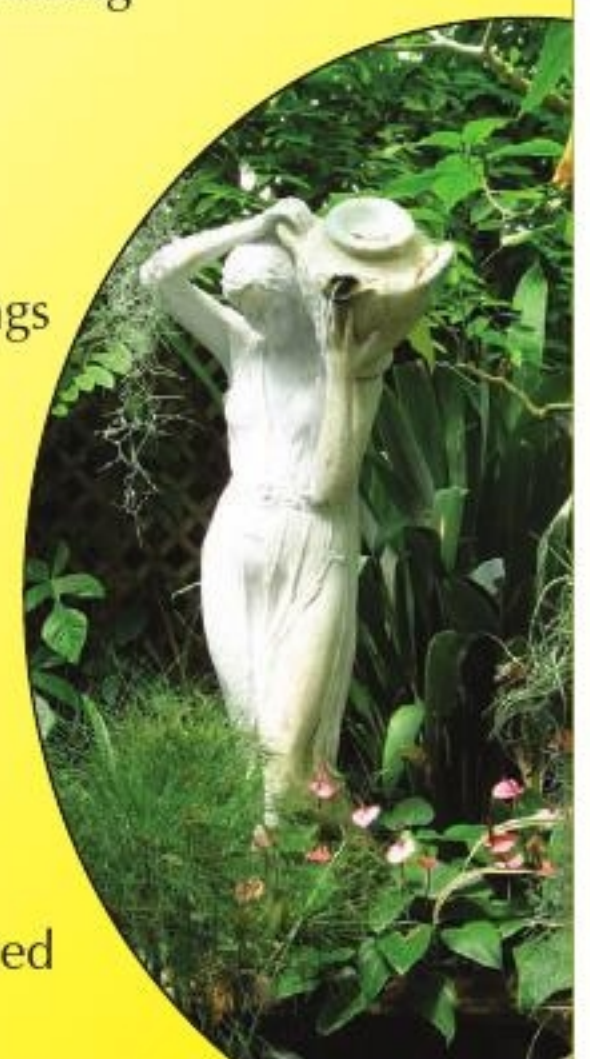
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# Big plans for Oxford Station

PLANS to rebuild Oxford Station as part of a major £75million development were unveiled last Thursday.

The masterplan for the station off Botley Road outlined plans to increase the number of platforms to five – from three – for a rise in passenger numbers over the next 30 years.

A new station building would be built over the railway lines, which would be connected to a bus station and multi-storey car park on the other side of Botley Road by a footbridge.

The development is part of a joint project by Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council and Network Rail, in conjunction

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with First Great Western and the Department for Transport.

Simon Maple, project sponsor at Network Rail, said: "Oxford's a growing city in terms of the number of people who will be using the railway."

"There are going to be new services running into Oxford, increasing numbers of trains, better trains, and it's going to provide better rail opportunities."

"Obviously you can't do this volume of work without causing some disruption, but we'd look to minimise the amount of delays."

Ian Hudspeth, leader of Oxfordshire County Council, said: "I think it's very exciting, because having that iconic gateway station coming into Oxford is really something we've got to look forward to and welcome."

"It's not just about creating additional passenger space, it's about creating somewhere that you can really say, 'wow, this is Oxford'."

The proposed development to Oxford Station comes after plans to transform Frideswide Square were approved and an application to develop the Westgate Shopping Centre was announced in the past month.

Bob Price, leader of Oxford City

Council, is hopeful that all the development work in west Oxford will not cause excessive disruption.

He said: "Luckily they won't coincide in time."

"Frideswide Square is going to be next year, and this development won't start until 2017, so basically there will be quite a gap between the two."

"The work for the Westgate Centre will be starting in 2015, running until 2017, so there shouldn't be too much disruption."

"The west end of the city will be completely transformed, and that does make for a very exciting prospect in the city."

Those involved in the project are now looking to secure funding, which is expected to cost around £75m.

Mike Hogg, projects and planning director at First Great Western, said: "It's a lot of money to be found,

"But it has to happen, something has to happen. Oxford Station is unsustainable for the amount of passengers it's got today."

A public exhibition of the station plans is being held at the Westgate Centre tomorrow and Saturday.

• (From left) Mike Hogg, David Sexton from the Department for Transport, Simon Maple, Ian Hudspeth and Bob Price at Oxford Station



## Oxford Station timeline

- 1844: First Oxford Station opens at Western Road, Grandpont
- 1850: Oxford and Rugby Railway line opens as far as Banbury
- 1851: Separate station built at Rewley Road, at what is now the Said Business School in Frideswide Square
- 1852: Grandpont station closed to passenger services, new site opened in Park End Street
- 1872: Grandpont station closed completely
- 1951: Rewley Road station closed to passengers
- 1971: Oxford Station substantially rebuilt
- 1990: Main building and footbridge built
- 1999: Rewley Road station dismantled
- 2014: Redevelopment plans for Oxford Station announced

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## News Bites

### Seaside stories

**SUTTON COURTENAY:** Tiddler Tales days are offering some seaside fun this summer at Sutton Courtenay's Environmental Education Centre.

Oxfordshire-based storytellers Peter Hearn and Sarah Law will be telling new seaside stories about underwater wildlife to encourage children to explore the nature reserve.

Children of all ages can delve into the attraction on August 5, 6 and 7.

### Church theft

**KINGSTON BAGPUIZE:** A man and a boy have been charged with theft from a church building in Kingston Bagpuize.

Thames Valley Police arrested the 26 and 17-year-olds on June 18 before charging them both on July 23 for theft.

Both have been bailed to appear at Oxford Magistrates Court on August 8.

### TB man found

**OXFORD:** A man, believed to have tuberculosis, has been found after going missing earlier this week.

David Goodwin disappeared on Tuesday night but was found by police officers later that evening.

Thames Valley Police initially warned people not to approach him because he had the contagious condition.

# Tributes paid to Jordan

THE mother of a young footballer has described her son as her "absolute everything" after his tragic death on holiday in Turkey last week.

Jordan Tabor (below), 23, from Oxford, fell from his hotel balcony at the Titanic Beach Hotel in Antalya on July 23.

It is unknown how the tragedy happened.

His mum Louise Bates, from Wootton, near Abingdon, has led tributes to the talented young footballer, who went to Cokethorpe School near Witney.

"Personally to me, he was my absolute everything," she said. "I know lots of people have said how he was their 'best friend' but he really was mine."

"He never stopped wanting to give me that hug and kiss and tell me he loved me."

"He would always call or text me with gossip about a night out or a football result or goal to see if I had seen it."

Mrs Bates said he was an "amazing brother" to younger siblings Finlay and Charlie and "deeply loved" his two other brothers Jake and Connor.

She added: "I know that Finlay and Charlie will both keep the football kicking in memory of their big brother whom both they and the rest of his family adored, especially his dad and grandparents as being their first grandchild was the apple

By Jack Johnson

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of their eye."

Mr Tabor, a former Chelsea trainee who went on to play for Cheltenham Town, Didcot Town, Kidlington and AFC Hinksey, was on holiday with his girlfriend Danielle McEachran.

Miss McEachran posted on social media site Instagram: "I lost my best friend, my whole world and my meme... I love you so much Jord!!!"

"We will miss you so much my beautiful baby, and will see you soon. I love you so much. Good night meme."

Miss McEachran's brother Josh, who plays for Chelsea, also paid tribute to Mr Tabor on social media.

He tweeted: "Rest in peace my older brother Jordan Tabor. Love you forever mate!"

Mr Tabor's former clubs have also sent their condolences to the family.

Steve Clare, press officer at Didcot Town FC, described him as a "smashing lad".

He added: "Jordan, or Tabes as he was known by his teammates, was one of the most talented youngsters we've had at the club in recent

years.

"Great with set-pieces, his left foot was sublime."

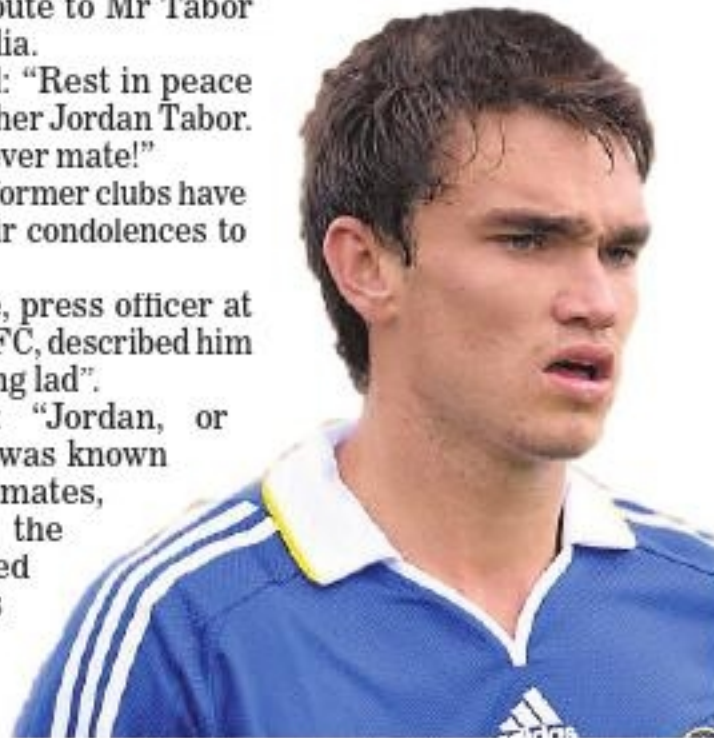
"Added to that he really was one of the nicest guys, totally grounded even though he had been at Chelsea."

"As popular with club officials as he was with his colleagues on the pitch, it's terribly sad news."

Chelsea FC also released a statement, saying the club was "in shock and saddened".

Mr Tabor's funeral will take place at St Trinity Church, Conduit Road, Abingdon, at Midday tomorrow, August 1.

An inquest date into Mr Tabor's death has yet to be announced.



## Tom's tough challenge

AN OXFORD medical student is preparing to cycle one of Europe's most gruelling routes to raise money for city-based homeless charity Emmaus.

Tom Cranshaw, 21, is training to complete the 250km journey from Paris to Roubaix, near the Belgian border, in just one day on August 16.

The route is notorious for its cobblestone streets and rough terrain, and has previously been dubbed 'The Hell of the North'.

"The best I could do would be to describe it like this - they ploughed a dirt road, flew over it with a helicopter, and then just dropped a bunch of rocks out it. It's that bad," said Tom.

Tom is hoping to raise £1,000 for Emmaus after being moved by the plight of homeless people in Oxford.

He added: "There is a stark contrast between the lives of most Oxford students and those of the homeless and at-risk in their city that can be easy to ignore."

"I wanted to both increase awareness and raise money for a great Oxford charity and I chose Emmaus specifically as a locally acting charity."

Eddie Blaze, general manager at Emmaus, said: "We want to

thank Thomas and wish him all the best, plus a lot of stamina and staying-power."

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• Tom Cranshaw will take on the 250km challenge on August 16



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## Christmas Day rapist is jailed for five years

A MAN who raped a teenage girl on Christmas Day in 2011 has been jailed for over five years.

Jamie Williams, 20, of Chaffinch Walk, Oxford, was sentenced to five years and six months at Oxford Crown Court on Friday.

A jury found Williams guilty of rape on July 18.

On Christmas Day four years ago, Williams phoned a 17-year-old girl and demanded she visited his home where he raped her.

Williams was charged on September 25 last year and has been made to sign the sex offenders' register for life and was given a restraining order against the victim.

Det Ch Insp Katy Barrow-Grint said: "We take all rape reports very seriously and this case shows that we will strive to bring all perpetrators to justice, no matter how long ago the offences took place."

• Jamie Williams



# Decision due for uni's new centre

By Adam Flinn

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OXFORD University could be set for a new medical research facility after officers at Oxford City Council recommended their plans for approval.

Councillors sitting on the East Area Planning Committee will decide whether to give the university full planning permission to start work on the site when they meet at Oxford Town Hall next Wednesday.

The university was granted outline planning permission for its Big Data Institute in July last year – made up of proposals for five separate buildings of up to five storeys tall.

University spokesman Matt Pickles said: "If approved, the Big Data Institute will facilitate world-class medical research which can take place in close proximity to other medical research laboratories and the hospitals."

"We have carried out a detailed consultation process and we hope councillors and members of the public have all the information they need to make a decision about our



• Designs of how the research centre could look

application."

It is thought that the centre would employ 2,850 staff, with a maximum of 459 parking spaces being permitted.

But a public consultation for the plans showed there were worries that the parking allocation may be insufficient.

In comments made to the council, the Divinity Road Area

Residents' Association said they were "concerned at the level of parking on site", as the "provision of 459 parking spaces seems unambitious".

However in the city council's report when the centre was granted outline planning permission, it said it would be satisfied if a ratio of one parking space per 6.2 employees was

achieved.

The current plans allow for roughly one space per 5.6 workers.

A total of 32 planning conditions had been set when outline planning permission had been granted, relating to issues including the positioning of buildings, landscaping and drainage.

## Funding plea to keep iron age mirror

A WOODSTOCK museum is urging the public to help raise funds to keep a rare bronze Iron Age mirror discovered near Didcot in the country.

The Oxfordshire Museum needs £33,000 to retain the first century BC mirror, which was recently sold to a bidder outside of the United Kingdom.

Following an appeal from charity Friends of the Oxfordshire Museum, a temporary export bar was issued, giving the museum the chance to raise the £33,000 needed to keep the mirror in the UK.

The museum is confident of receiving significant financial support from various organisations, but still need to raise up to £10,000 through public donations.

Trevor Hendy, chair of the Friends of the Oxfordshire Museum, said: "The people of Oxfordshire have a strong tradition of supporting their heritage."

"I know they will get behind us in this bid to buy the mirror so it can be seen and enjoyed by not only locals, but visitors from across the country and world."

Carol Anderson, director of the Oxfordshire Museum, added: "This mirror is a nationally important archaeological artefact as well as an outstanding work of art and piece of craftsmanship."

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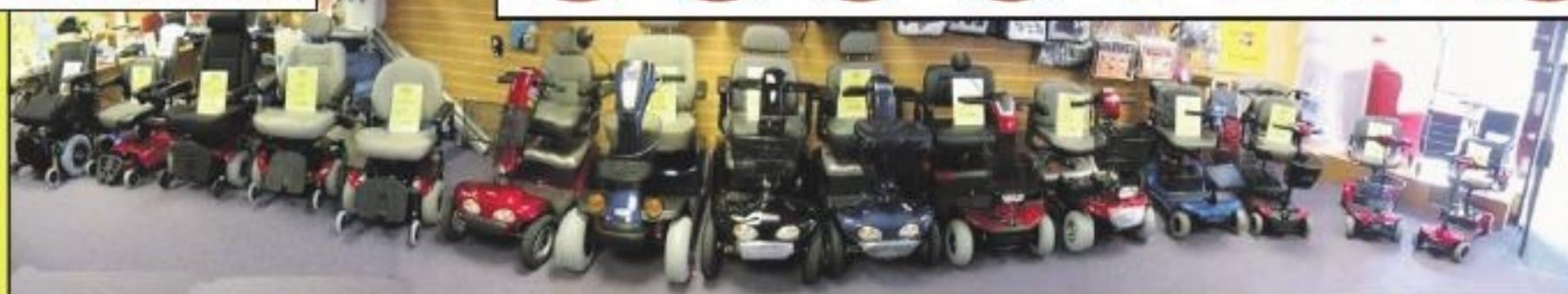
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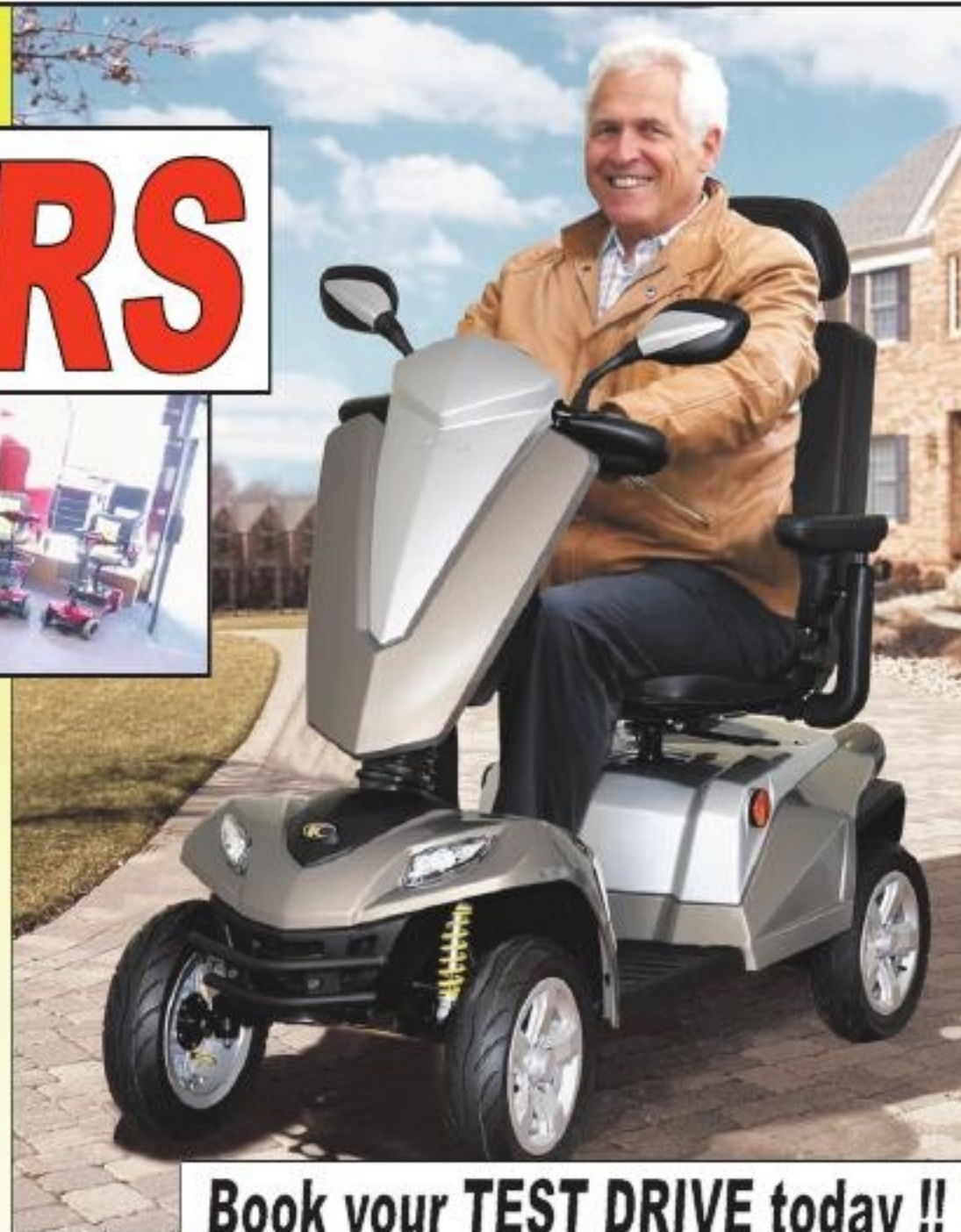


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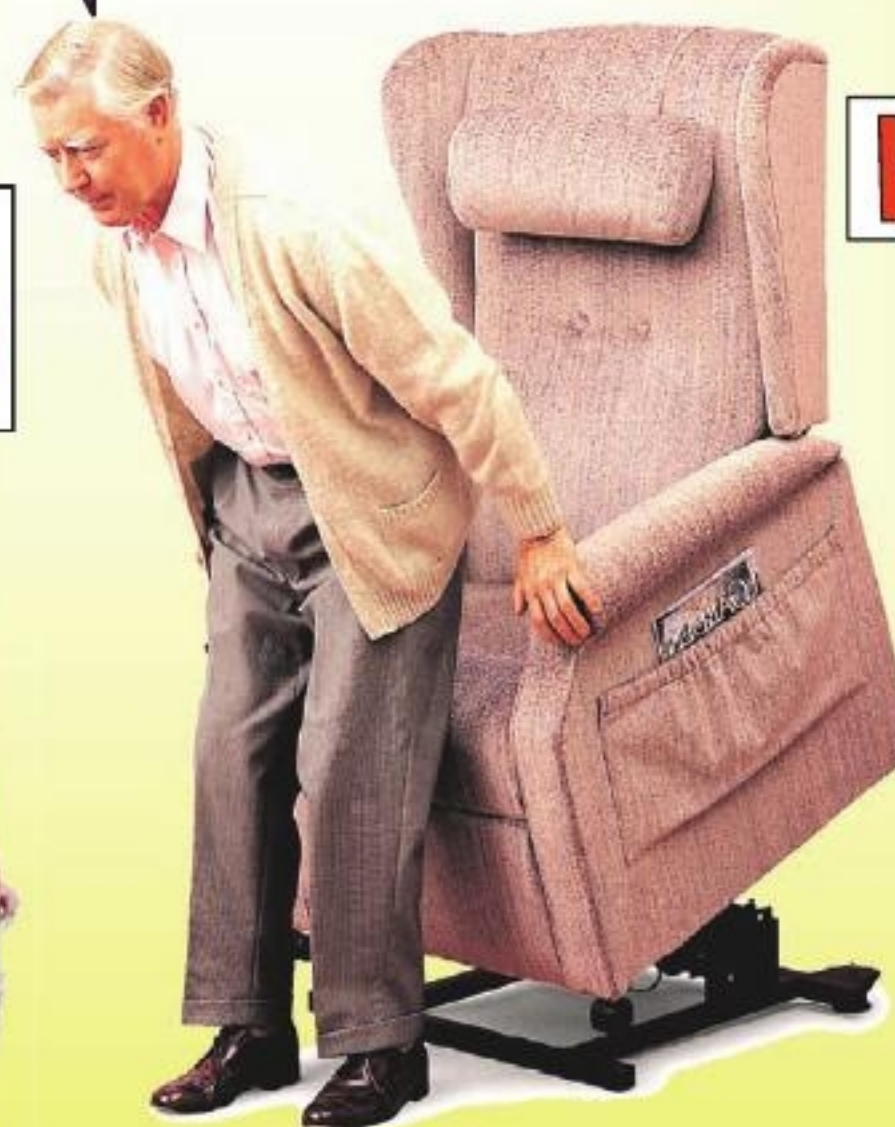


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# Students to create futuristic designs for business park

OXFORDSHIRE'S Howbery Business Park has called on the services of Wallingford School's art and design students to create a futuristic vision of its existing development opportunity.

It will see students create external and internal designs of next generation office accommodation.

Drawings will be exhibited in the foyer of the historic Manor House in the park off Benson Lane later this year.

The winning design will be mocked-up and displayed as Howbery's vision of the future on an external Perspex sign created to simulate a view across the development land.

Howbery has planning permission to create 70,000sq ft of new office space.

Lettings and marketing manager, Angela Andrews, said: "We're delighted Wallingford School is embracing the challenge of creating a vision of Howbery's development potential."

• The UK Ship Simulation Centre is the most recent development which has been built this year at Howbery Business Park near Wallingford



## Business Matters

Guest columnist: Stuart Miller



### Business tips from a founder

IN this month's guest column, Stuart Miller, co-founder and CEO of ByBox, talks on the recently launched Spark Vale business initiative:

ByBox now has 50,000 electronic lockers and 1,000 employees worldwide across seven countries, but I was never passionate about lockers when we first started-up.

It could have been peanuts!

I wasn't motivated by money or by trying to get rich. It purely came down to wanting to create an enterprise and to prove I could grow it.

The best piece of advice and thought I can share with entrepreneurs who are keen to come up with a business idea for the Spark Vale initiative is to try and make sure your idea is solving a problem.

Too many businesses are founded on something people believe is cool, interesting or fun.

However, unless you are solving

"We look forward to viewing their artistic interpretations, which will be pitched to us by students at the beginning of the new school year."

"All of the designs will have an environmental theme in support of the park's sustainability strategy."

Wallingford School has selected students from its BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Art & Design to work on the project in support of the course curriculum.

Robert Pickford, curriculum coordinator for art, said: "This project very much underpins the ethos of Wallingford School to ensure students engage with businesses in a vocational context."

"We'd like to thank Howbery Business Park for this opportunity and look forward to seeing our students create and pitch ideas later this year."

Howbery Business Park has

strong links to Wallingford School with a number of projects underway.

This includes the painting of a mural at the request of park tenant

company, Anglo Info, student work experience with a number of park tenants, and Howbery's donation of unused office furniture for the school's IT room.

## Business Bite

### A Danish acquisition

OXFORDSHIRE-BASED telecommunications company VoIP - [voip.co.uk](http://voip.co.uk) - has announced the acquisition of Denmark's leading unified communications specialist, Firstcom, in a technology driven move to accelerate the firm's growth across Europe.

The company has acquired 85 per cent ownership of Firstcom for an undisclosed sum.

It plans to initially retain two separate and complementary brands whilst continuing to develop its unified communications suite with further product launches anticipated later this year.

Voice-over-Internet Protocol

(VoIP) provides voice over IP cloud based services and is most known for an anti-phone hacking product.

The firm's chief technology officer, Adam Crisp, says: "Scandinavia is well ahead of the UK in terms of unified communications which will allow us to offer British businesses access to superior technology."

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• Catrin Aaron practising her first monologue *The Fever* for the show



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## A traveller's monologue

A MONOLOGUE about a traveller who considers the impact of her life on the world while ill with fever is performed at the Old Fire Station today and tomorrow.

The Fever is based on the award-winning play by American author and playwright Wallace Shawn, and confronts questions concerning morality and equality.

The traveller is struck with fever while visiting a third-world country, and as it takes hold she speaks aloud about if she is the moral person she believes herself to be.

The play does tackle strong issues but director Alice Malin insists it doesn't force the message across.

"Having this fever, the traveller has to recalibrate everything she thinks about the world and her place in it," said Alice.

"But having said that, it's very funny and it doesn't beat you over the head with a message of 'we must all change', it's 'we have a problem, what can we do?'."

"I was interested in doing something

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that looked at the fact that our world is very unequal, which is really interesting to me."

The monologue is performed by Catrin Aaron, who said this is the first play of this type she has done before.

"It's been intense," Catrin said. "It's an hour and half and is challenging, in an American accent as well."

"I've never done anything where the emphasis is solely on yourself, where the responsibility is on your shoulders to entertain an audience while you tell the story."

Doors open for today's and tomorrow's shows at 7pm, which start at 7.30pm.

For tickets, go to [oldfirestation.org.uk](http://oldfirestation.org.uk) or call 01865 263980.

• Catrin Aaron takes on her first monologue in *The Fever* at the Old Fire Station tonight and tomorrow



## Folk concerts

OXFORDSHIRE-BASED folk group Fairport Convention return to Banbury's Mill Arts Centre on Monday and Tuesday, in preparation for the upcoming Cropredy Festival.

The two concerts come before their 35th annual festival at Cropredy, which gets underway in the North Oxfordshire village next Thursday.

Both of the Banbury shows start at 7.30pm, and more details can be found at [themillartscentre.co.uk](http://themillartscentre.co.uk).

## Beer festival

THE third annual beer and cider festival at Cogges Manor Farm near Witney gets underway tomorrow and Saturday.

Over 40 varieties of beer and cider from local breweries will be on offer, as well as live music from The Original Rabbit Foot Spasm Band and Family Machine.

Both nights start from 6.30pm.

## Backstage tour

OXFORD'S New Theatre is hosting a backstage tour on Saturday, to give theatre goers the chance to step behind the scenes.

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## Poetry insight

TOURING poets and writers The New Libertines showcase their work at Oxford's Old Fire Station tomorrow.

It Only Hurts The First Time sees the writers discuss the human experience, and are supported by indie band Superhand.

Doors open at 6.15pm. For tickets, go to [oldfirestation.org.uk](http://oldfirestation.org.uk).

## Dancing days

A THREE-DAY dance workshop for children aged five to seven-years-old runs from Monday to Wednesday at the Chipping Norton Theatre.

Youngsters can try their hand at dances including jazz, contemporary and tap as they work on their own choreography.

Each day runs from 10.15am to 1pm. Go to [chippingnortontheatre.co.uk](http://chippingnortontheatre.co.uk) for more information.

## Youth festival

YOUTH festival MESH comes to an end at Pegasus Theatre in Oxford tomorrow, with a performance of Beowulf and Grendel.

More than 150 young people from across the globe have been involved in the festival since it began last Wednesday staging productions, debates and dances.

For more information, go to [pegasustheatre.org.uk](http://pegasustheatre.org.uk).

# Shakespeare on show

A NEW adaptation of Shakespeare's classic play *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is being performed in Oxford until Sunday.

Taking place at the Said Business School's rooftop amphitheatre, the play portrays the events surrounding the marriage of Duke of Athens, Theseus, and Queen of the Amazons, Hippolyta.

The production is set in the woodland realm of Fairyland.

It interconnects with the storyline of the fairy king and queen Oberon and

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Titania, who are estranged.

The show also follows the story of four young lovers, and it is this aspect that production group Enchanted Players Theatre Company wanted to focus on in their performance.

"We are taking on a different approach to it," said Victoria Ruskin, acting coach with the company.

"Whereas other performances put the effort into the king and queen, we really wanted to see it from a different angle and the funny love triangle that goes on in our approach to it."

"We're using masks for all of the fairy realm, and the costumes are handmade."

It is being performed at the business school's amphitheatre at its site in Frideswide Square, where the company have previously put on shows including *Much Ado About Nothing*.

"The Said have got a lovely rooftop

amphitheatre, and it's really nice," Victoria added.

"The sun sets behind it and it's very atmospheric."

"It really works well with the fairy theme and the story."

Performances start at 7.30pm.

For more details about the show and the theatre company, go to [enchantedplayers.co.uk](http://enchantedplayers.co.uk).

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2002 when he was awarded Guitarist Magazine's 'Acoustic Guitarist of the Year.' He quickly came to the attention of Martin Taylor MBE, one of the world's leading jazz guitarists, who gave Stuart valuable encouragement and asked him to perform at his Kirk Michael Guitar Festival sharing the bill with leading players Tommy Emmanuel and Birell Lagrene amongst others. An acclaimed performer, Stuart has gone on to share the stage with many of the world's greatest acoustic guitarists including Martin Taylor MBE, Eric Roche, Thomas Leeb and Jon Gomm, all of whom

he is proud to count as friends. Several of Stuart's previous students have also gone on to become prominent players themselves such as Youtube sensation Mike Dawes and 'Acoustic Guitarist of the Year 2011' Will McNicol. Stuart's music has also ended up in some unlikely places - Lamb vocalist/songwriter Lou Rhodes was so impressed with Stuart's study pieces that she used one of them in her track 'Rounds' from Lamb's 2011 album '5.'

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## Two speed crossword

### Quick Clues Across

- 1 Purchased (6)
- 7 Set free (7)
- 8 Tile (7)
- 9 Circles (5)
- 10 Characteristic (9)
- 12 Relative (3)
- 13 Rend (4)
- 15 Member of legislative group (7)
- 17 Ocean movement (4)
- 19 Snare (3)
- 21 Covered with swellings (9)
- 22 Make merry (5)
- 23 Tell (7)
- 24 Trips (7)
- 25 Pamper (6)

### Quick Clues Down

- 1 Cellar (8)
- 2 Alliances (6)
- 3 Sanitary science (7)
- 4 Frighten (5)
- 5 Drive (6)
- 6 Curves (4)
- 7 Sources (11)
- 11 Pry (4)
- 13 Large plant (4)
- 14 Most prepared (8)
- 16 Great Lake (7)
- 18 Consecrate (6)
- 20 Entertains (6)
- 21 Plain-spoken (5)
- 22 Covering (4)

### Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Give joy by putting six in reckless surroundings (6)
- 7 The ultimate from the river, by the sound of it (7)
- 8 Respects the dirt in the commercials? (7)
- 9 Get to the stretch of water (5)
- 10 Care for the worker? At first, it's waiting (9)
- 12 Bend back a source of heat (3)
- 13 Seasonal plant (4)
- 15 Pause about jealousy (7)
- 17 Devours most of the animal foods (4)
- 19 Or holding a blade (3)
- 21 Carrying out the duties of a hangman (9)
- 22 Overlay the disguise (5)
- 23 Working to get one fish? (7)
- 24 Or is Sue otherwise solemn? (7)
- 25 Produces by degrees? (6)

### Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Concerning the present age, can it be interesting to peruse? (8)
- 2 Leaves out five at the beginning, and is sick (6)
- 3 Unusual to wander under the road (7)
- 4 Begin to find a loose woman below the initial surface (5)
- 5 Tell how it could connect? (6)
- 6 Noah's son could be in such a trap (4)
- 7 Recent maps to the south show cliffs (11)
- 11 Organs in the cornfields (4)
- 13 High temperature in the Atlantic (4)
- 14 Misses the luggage? (8)
- 16 Voyager who might solicit a rising man to come inside (7)
- 18 The vet ran out to the hotel (6)
- 20 I'd be in the ring on horseback (6)
- 21 Sin or make a mistake (5)
- 22 Have all the actors a squint? (4)

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## Scribble space

## This week's solutions

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**Quick Crossword**  
Across: 1 Bought 7 Delirious 8 Shingle 9 Rings 10 Mannerism 12 Son 13 Tear 15 Senator 17 Tide 19 Net 21 Blistered 22 Revel 23 Narrate 24 Outings 25 Cosset  
Down: 1 Basement 2 Unions 3 Hygiene 4 Alarm 5 Avenue 6 Arcs 7 Derivations 11 Nose 13 Tree 14 Readiest 16 Ontario 18 Devote 20 Treats 21 Blunt 22 Roof

**Cryptic Crossword**  
Across: 1 Ravish 7 Extreme 8 Admirer 9 Reach 10 Attendant 12 Sag 13 Herb 15 Respite 17 Fats 19 Car 21 Executing 22 Cover 23 Telling 24 Serious 25 Stages  
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## Introducing Ford's first-ever electric car



• The Ford Focus Electric

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With the exception of a new grille, front-wing charging point and subtle badging, the Focus Electric shares the looks of Ford's familiar five-door hatchback, but under-the-skin uses a lithium-ion battery pack and AC electric motor, which is good for an 85mph top speed and a surprisingly sprightly 11 second sprint to 62mph.

The biggest limitation currently associated with electric vehicles (EVs) concerns a lack of useable range, but the Focus offers a claimed mileage of up to 100 miles on a full charge (depending on driving style and choice of route) aided by the powertrain's use of regenerative braking to capture up to 95 per cent of kinetic energy normally lost during the braking process.

Charging takes 10-11 hours from a standard three-pin 240 volt/10 amp UK domestic socket, while a fast charger operating at 32 amps can achieve a full top-up in three to four hours.

Due to the electric motor delivering its 250Nm of torque instantly, the Focus Electric feels very strong off the mark and at lower speeds, but over 60mph the

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rate of speed increase slows considerably, as the car gradually builds up to its restricted 85mph top speed.

Despite a significantly heavier kerb weight of 1,700kg, this Focus retains the dynamic appeal of conventionally powered versions, save for a touch less body control around corners.

In-car refinement however is a marked improvement over a combustion Focus. Like its EV rivals, the Focus Electric's motor is smooth and refined and once underway, all that disturbs the serenity is a whisper of wind noise and a modicum of road rumble.

Although cabin space is unaffected by the electric conversion, the battery occupies a significant chunk of the luggage area, which reduces everyday carrying capacity from 316 litres down to 237 litres.

Ford has made an effort by installing a two-tier load floor, incorporating a hidden storage compartment.

The interior is virtually identical to any other Focus, apart from some unique EV instrumentation.

**VERDICT:** The Focus stands out from the electric car crowd by looking largely identical to the regular combustion model on which it's based. That aside, Ford's first EV is a highly competent all-round product, being quick, quiet, comfortable and great to drive. A high sticker price of £28,580 (after £5k government contribution) is likely to be the only turn-off for private buyers.

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<sup>1</sup>Finance example is for a BMW Select agreement for a new BMW 316i Sport Saloon with a contract mileage of 32,000 miles and excess mileage charge of 5.10p per mile.

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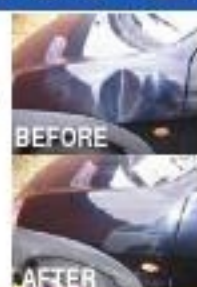
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# Welsh undergo tough pre-season training

AVIVA Premiership newboys London Welsh will look to hit the ground running in their upcoming campaign after a gruelling pre-season so far.

Under the watchful eye of the club's strength and conditioning team of Ryan Campbell, Lee Eldridge and Matthew Banks, the Exiles' squad are being strenuously put through their paces at Old Deer Park.

After clinching promotion back to the Premiership with a 48-28 aggregate victory over Bristol back in June, London Welsh are vigorously preparing for their opening clash against Exeter Chiefs on September 7 at the Kassam Stadium.

Campbell said: "The goal of the first four-week phase of pre-season training is to physically prepare the players for the brutal demands of weekly Premiership, LV= Cup and European competition."

"Our aim, as a strength and conditioning department, is to provide the rugby coaches with physically fit players who are free of injury."

Eldridge, who has been at the club since 2010, added: "From a mental point of view pre-season is tough, but we've got guys who

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have done lots of them, guys like Tom May and Tim Molenaar. They can help the younger guys.

"The main emphasis from our side is strength and conditioning, and then as we move forward the rugby coaches want more pieces of the pie."

"Ryan's very good in terms of making sure that sessions have a purpose. Making someone sick during a session is not our goal."

"Anyone can make someone sick - it's about making people better."

Skills sessions have been short and intense and Campbell added: "This is fantastic as we can improve a player's fitness and skills levels simultaneously."

"This type of work transfers directly to on-field performance and is very economical with training time."

An accurately structured timetable has the players working on speed and strength development, maintaining their lean body mass and hypertrophy sessions, all aimed at getting them



• Tom May works his thigh muscles on the leg press

up to speed and fitness.

After Welsh's 2012-13 flirtation in the Premiership, no one at the club is underestimating what lies ahead.

"It's a massive challenge physically for us, the game is much faster in the Premiership

and the impact collisions are greater," said Eldridge.

"Therefore the repeated speed work of the boys and their ability to be able to reproduce force and power during the course of the whole game is something we're developing over this eight-week

pre-season block."

Despite the new season fast approaching, the Exiles must first turn their attention to Henley Hawks in a pre-season friendly on August 9, with matches against Wasps and Pontypridd to follow.

## Three more sign deals with Stars for new season

OXFORD City Stars' squad is shaping up nicely ahead of the new season with Dax Hedges, James Pentecost and Joe Edwards all penning new deals.

Ex-forward Hedges headlined last Thursday's arrivals after the 24-year-old returned to Oxford having taken a year out of the game to travel.

He joins Pentecost and Edwards in Darren Elliott's squad ahead of the National League Division 1 (NIHL1) campaign after the duo signed new one-year deals.

Hedges, who played alongside Edwards in the Division 2 championship winning team of 2012-13, is looking forward to the challenge ahead.

"I'm really happy to be back playing in Oxford," he said.

"It's good to have the team in NIHL1 to give the club and the kids something to aspire to."

Oxford coach Elliott was delighted to be reunited with Hedges at his hometown club.

"We're really pleased to have Dax back," he added.

"He brings a lot of speed and likes to get involved - good points which are sometimes difficult to find."

It comes after Kyle Fleming-ton signed for Stars earlier this month.

## Burnell reunited with 'fantastic addition' Down

SECOND row forward James Down has become London Welsh's 24th summer signing after joining from Cardiff Blues last week.

The 26-year-old's arrival continues the Exiles' overhaul after securing promotion back to the Aviva Premiership in June.

His arrival means the 6ft 7in second row will be reunited with London Welsh head coach Justin Burnell, after he brought Down into the Blues youth system.

Despite being uncapped at full international level, Down was called up to the Wales squad during the 2012 autumn internationals.

Burnell said: "He's played a lot of rugby in different competitions with Cardiff Blues and he's another fantastic addition to our squad."

"I always thought James had a huge amount of potential, which he obviously did."

"Coming through the Blues system he played alongside the likes of Bradley Davies and Lou Reed, who have both gone on to be full internationals. I still believe James has the potential to do that."

"I'm really pleased to have someone of James's calibre on board, pushing the players already within our squad and helping to add to the competitive edge."

• James Down joins the Welsh line-up (picture by Huw Evans Picture Agency)



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# Appleton 'super-close' to securing new striker

OXFORD United boss Michael Appleton says the club is "super close" to signing a striker ahead of Saturday's pre-season friendly against Championship side AFC Bournemouth.

Appleton set his sights on bolstering United's attacking options since arriving at the club earlier this month and he is now closer than ever to securing a new frontman.

United's head coach hinted at a new arrival by Saturday after watching his side struggle in the final third in Tuesday's 1-0 defeat to Championship club Wolves.

"It's about getting the right one and from what I'm being told we're not close, we're just super close on certainly one," said Appleton.

"That will give everyone a big lift going into Saturday's game.

"We'll keep our fingers crossed for that one to get over the line."

United currently only have three strikers - Danny Hylton and youngsters Tyrone Marsh and James Roberts.

On Tuesday night, Wolves striker Leon Clarke scored the

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only goal of the game on 28 minutes, while Danny Rose and Callum O'Dowda were the only U's players to test visiting keeper Aaron McCarey.

Goalkeeper George Long and full-back Joe Riley both started for the U's after joining on loan this week and Appleton was pleased with the overall performance.

"I thought we more than matched a big club, a decent Championship side," he said.

"The lads showed a lot more belief in the second half when they realised they could match them and I think it was a really competitive pre-season game.

"It was the first game at home, but once we got to grips with the fact that we can play and pass the ball just as well as they can I thought the players acquitted themselves really well."

Johnny Mullins limped off after 27 minutes and his fitness will be assessed ahead of this Saturday's friendly.



• Callum O'Dowda battles for the ball with Stephen Ward (Picture by Steve Daniels)

## Dan's the man as he wins gold in the Games

DAN Rivers clinched the gold medal in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions final with a flawless display in the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games on Tuesday.

The Didcot shooter fought off India's Sanjeev Rajput by six points to add to his bronze medal from the 10m air rifle final last Friday.

Oxford City runner Hannah England gave a gallant effort in the women's 1,500m final before fading to seventh-place in the final 200m.

Meanwhile, Dan Fox helped the men's England hockey team to two wins in Group B with comfortable victories over Trinidad and Tobago and Malaysia.

Daniel Hooker mustered a seventh-placed finish in the T37 100m whilst Tom Mitchell failed to reach the semi-finals of the rugby sevens after England slumped to a 15-14 defeat to Samoa.

Oxford University graduate Luke Caldwell finished 13th in the men's 5,000m, and will compete in the 10,000m final on Friday night.

James Jurkiewicz failed to make the semi-finals of the men's 100m backstroke, while Ben Moreau finished 14th in the men's marathon.

Oxford-born athlete Nathan Douglas will be competing in the men's triple jump qualifying rounds tomorrow night.

As the Oxfordshire Guardian went to print, Didcot weightlifter Ben Watson was competing in the men's 105kg event.



## Rose enjoying playing under new U's boss in pre-season

OXFORD United midfielder Danny Rose said he is relishing working under new manager Michael Appleton as the new Sky Bet League Two season beckons, writes Dan Church.

The 26-year-old played the full 90 minutes in United's 1-0 loss to Championship newboys Wolves at the Kassam Stadium on Tuesday.

Despite the Yellows suffering their first pre-season defeat, Rose is impressed by Appleton's management since arriving in early July.

"It was really refreshing for him to come in and get across his ideas," he said.

"We've worked a lot on the

team shape and you've seen flashes of the style of play he wants to implement throughout pre-season.

"Obviously there's one more game to go and hopefully it will come together by August 9."

The former Fleetwood Town midfielder is also thriving in a more attacking role under the ex-Portsmouth boss.

"In that number 10 role, there's a lot of interchanging and rotation between the players. It gives me the chance to express myself and be positive and try score goals."

• Danny Rose (Picture by Steve Daniels)

## Plato prepares for championship assault

JASON Plato returns from the mid-season break this weekend as he looks to build upon his British Touring Car Championship bid at Snetterton.

The 46-year-old lies 49 points behind championship leader Colin Turkington after the Northern Irishman won two of the three races at Croft in late June.

The MG KX Momentum Racing star began the previous race weekend in terrific fashion by qualifying second, just three-tenths behind eBay Motors racer Turkington.

Plato's strong start soon deteriorated after dropping a place to third in the opening race, before mustering fifth and tenth-place finishes in the

remaining rounds.

Back after a month's rest, the Oxford-born driver will be determined to improve upon his two disqualifications at the same circuit last summer.

The two-time BTCC champion suffered a spectacular rollover crash in round three at Snetterton after being tapped off the track.

Plato, who won the championship in 2001 and 2010, has only tasted victory once this season after pipping Sam Tordoff in round four at Donnington back in April.

After this weekend's events in Norfolk, the BTCC's race calendar will see Plato head for Scotland as the drivers visit Knockhill on August 23 to 24.

## Sport Bites

### Win for Freds

WANTAGE Town fought off Milton United 3-1 in a pre-season friendly at Potash Lane last Saturday.

A brace from Matt Pedder plus a header from Stuart Cattell completed a comfortable victory for the Division 1 South and West outfit.

The Alfredians travel to Abingdon United tonight in their penultimate pre-season friendly ahead of the new season.

### Tough fixture

OXFORD Saints will be looking to make it back-to-back wins in the National League Central on Sunday as they travel to league leaders Peterborough Saxons.

Andrew Day's men head to Cambridgeshire off the back of a convincing 39-16 victory over Sandwell Steelers on July 20 that halted a run of three consecutive defeats.

The Saints currently sit third in the table having won five out of their eight league fixtures, whilst Peterborough have only suffered one defeat in seven outings.

### 'Quins are ready

RUGBY Union side Oxford Harlequins are gearing up for their first pre-season friendly against Grove on August 13.

The South West 1 East champions host their local rivals at North Hinksey Lane ahead of their National League 3 South West campaign.

Harlequins are also scheduled to visit Brighton and Broadstreet for pre-season friendlies before welcoming Bournemouth in their league opener on September 6.

## City's Merritt pleased with club's progress

JUSTIN Merritt believes Oxford City have come a long way since he succeeded Mike Ford as manager, and is continually eyeing improvements to the squad ahead of the new season, writes Dan Church.

Merritt returned to Marsh Lane for a second spell with the Conference North club in May and is delighted with the progress he has made so far this summer.

"We've come a long way in a short space of time," he said.

"It's a work in progress as we're trying to build a new culture and a new team. It's not easy to get that altogether in such a short space of time."

Speaking after City's 1-0 friendly defeat to Ardley United on Tuesday, Merritt hinted that some new arrivals were on the horizon before their league opener at Hyde on August 9.

"We've got two or three players who we are still waiting on," he said.

"But hopefully we might be taking a couple from Oxford United. I've been in discussion with them as they've got new players coming in and some players won't be featuring."





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# DIDCOT FACE INJURY SCARE

## New loan signing could be on the cards amid injuries and absentees

IAN Concannon has hinted at bringing in a striker on loan following a number of injuries and absentees for Didcot Town ahead of the new season.

The Railwaymen begin their Division One South & West campaign against Swindon Supermarine on August 9 and will be without Pablo Haysham and new signing Ryan Brooks.

Haysham will miss the first month of the season through personal commitments, while Brooks hobbled off with a recurring hamstring injury during Tuesday's 2-1 friendly defeat to Hellenic Premier Division side Kidlington.

That limits Concannon and Jamie Heapy's front-line options to just last season's top scorer John Mills and new signing Luke Abraham.

"If we can get another forward on loan for a month then we probably will look to do that," said Concannon.

"We are looking at all possibilities.

"But he has got to be the right player, not just anybody, and if we can do something we will."

Brooks will definitely miss this Saturday's friendly against Southern Premier Division side Hungerford Town and Concannon said the striker's fitness will

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be closely monitored.

"He has been brought in purely to give us an additional threat up front along with Millsy, Luke and Pablo," said Concannon.

"We didn't sign him to be a bit part player and from what he has shown in pre-season he is going to be a handful and he will score goals.

"We will have to monitor it (his injury), but if he doesn't make it on August 9 it gives people an opportunity."

He added: "We're happy with what we've got.

"I'd be even happier if everyone was fully fit and available, but that's part and parcel of pre-season and being a manager - you've got to deal with it."

Heapy, Sam Elkins and Sam Parish are all back in training after being away, but Jack Longford, like Haysham, will also miss the first month of the season.

Winger Josh Dutton-Black could play on Saturday after being out since July 12 with an ankle injury.

However, Matt Clarke, James Foster and Lance Williams are all carrying knocks and are doubtful for Saturday.



• John Mills, in action against Thame United last Saturday, is one of only two strikers currently available for Didcot Town (Picture by Roger Neal)

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